UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

MONSANTO COMPANY and MONSANTO TECHNOLOGY LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 09-cv-0686 (ERW)

E.I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND CO. and PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO BIFURCATE AND STAY DISCOVERY WITH RESPECT TO WILLFUL INFRINGEMENT PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 42(b)

COME NOW Defendants E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. and Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. (collectively, "DuPont" or "Defendants"), pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(b), and move to bifurcate and stay discovery with respect to Monsanto Co.'s and Monsanto Technology Inc.'s (collectively, "Monsanto") claim of willful infringement. A memorandum in support of the instant motion is filed concurrently herewith. As further discussed in Defendants' memorandum in support, bifurcation is necessary to avoid the prejudice to Defendants of having to decide whether to waive the attorney-client privilege at this preliminary stage of fact discovery in defending against Monsanto's claim of willful infringement.

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